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Next meeting: Thursday, February 11, 7:30 PM in the DWP cafeteria, 111 Hope Street.

Bill Nelson, chief engineer, RFI, for the Edison Company before he retired, and author of a new book on RFI/TVI, will teach us some new tricks in getting rid of that S8 noise level.

Visalia: DX event of the year

By Larry Brockman, N6AR
General Chairman

The Southern California DX Club is pleased to announce that the 1982 California International DX Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, Visalia, California on Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18.

As has been our tradition for over 32 years, the California DX Convention will highlight the best of the currently active DXpeditioners in an atmosphere wholly devoted to active DXers and contesters. While informal festivities will start on Friday evening, April 16, our popular formal program will begin about noon Saturday. This includes a DX forum; a contest forum; the best of featured DX speakers for the banquet, breakfast and Saturday afternoon sessions; the famous Saturday afternoon cocktail party; and a ladies program.

Our Committee is hard at work making the arrangements, with Fernando, EA8AK, Vince, K5VT, Marty, OH2BH, and several other DX celebrities planning to attend. We're hoping EA8AK will be successful in his attempts to operate from ZA. That, coupled with Vince's story on his African expedition (including TN8, S9, 3V8, 7P8 and others), and Marty's story on his latest contest achievements at CT3 and expeditions to OH0, ST, ST0, and CR9 are the early foundation of a topnotch program. Representatives will be invited from the ARRL and CQ to provide us with the latest scoop on the state of DXCC, contests and other events. A ladies' program is planned that just might raise a few eyebrows.

Those wishing to attend should write to Don Bostrom, N6IC, 4447 Atoll Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 for convention preregistration.

Preregistration will be $35.50, and for the first 500, may include a surprise gift. Make all checks payable to the Southern California DX Club. All preregistrations must be received by April 9 to be eligible for the preregistration prize. Late registration will be accepted at the door for $37 each. Registration includes admittance to all events, the Saturday banquet, the Sunday champagne brunch, and a chance for the many prizes. Extra chances for prizes also may be purchased separately. The meals will be the best $35.50 can buy.

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New officers, directors

President: **Jim Stevenson, KM6B**

Vice Pres.: **Neil Kaltman, K6SMF**

Treasurer: **Don Moses, W6UY**

Secretary, proposed and awaiting confirmation: **Joe Locascio, K5KT.**

Directors: **Bob Cobb, W6CN** (membership); **Lee Graves, WB6VTE;** and **Jan Perkins, N6AW.**

DX news highlights

Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, and XYL **Martha, WN4FVU,** were the big DX news in January with their 3C0BC and 3C0AC operation. QSL via K4PHE.

Watch mid-February for a surprise DXpedition.

Jim Smith, VK9NS, said to be heading for Heard Island with **SV0BV** in March.

FB8WG was still staying in the woodwork as we went to press with this bulletin.

Ross, G3DYY (ex-9L1GC) is said to have permission to operate from **4W1 North Yemen** and could be opening up there in March or April for several weeks. It will be a CW-only operation.

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Board sets PL policy

Meeting February 1, the Board of Directors passed a motion that the SCDX Club's two-meter repeater, AD6P, remain normally open, with two exceptions.

The PL would be employed when operating conditions prevent the dissemination of DX information, or when a control operator is not available.

Club dues

The subject of dues also was discussed at the meeting, and the Board recommended—with reservations—that the yearly amount be reduced from $12 to $9.

"There's a surplus in the treasury," said Pres. Jim Stevenson, KM6B, "and we have adequate funds for this year. Next year, however, might be another story."

Minutes of the last meeting

By Perry Esten, W6PN
Secretary

The meeting opened at 8:10 PM in the DWP cafeteria.

Announcements followed. There was a proposal to change annual club dues from $12 to $9. A vote will be taken at the next club meeting. The door prize was a Daiwa SWR meter, with tickets on sale from W6GC at $1 each.

A letter from JA1ELY stated there were 250 in attendance at the last JA convention, and that the next JA DX convention was to be February 6-7 in Tokyo.

From 8:19 until 8:46 PM, I2FGP showed a film and spoke on a DXpedition to HZ, 6O1 and ET.

During intermission from 8:46 until 8:51, a letter was read from Marti Lane, OH2BH, about DX contest operation from CT3.

From 8:51 until 9:20 a second film was shown by K2FGP covering a DXpedition to Abu Ail, Djibouti and Jordan.

At 9:21 Tom Hoyne, N6NI, outgoing president, made a short speech about amateur radio entitled "It is Only a Hobby." This was followed by election of officers and directors for 1982.

Jim Stevenson, KM6B, was elected president; **Neil Kaltman, K6SMF,** vice president; **Don Moses, W6UY,** treasurer, and**Robert Cobb, W6CN,** membership chairman, all declared elected because there were no opposing candidates for these positions. **Lee Graves, WB6VTE,** and **Jan Perkins, N6AW,** were elected to be directors. There were no candidates for secretary at that time.

At 9:37 the gavel was passed to Jim, KM6B, as new president. At 9:39 the gavel was presented to outgoing president Tom Hoyne, N6NI, as a token.

At 9:40, the drawing for the door prize took place. It was won by Walt Manning, K6VI.

The meeting closed at 9:41 PM.

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Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn, 9000 Airport Drive, Visalia, CA 93277, or by calling (209) 733-9000. Do *not* use the 800 number for the Holiday Inn, and be sure to mention the "DX Convention" when you call. Plenty of rooms are left as this bulletin goes to press, but just to make sure you have a room, call between 8:30 and 4:30 weekdays and ask for Irene.

A block of 250 rooms at special prices will be in effect: $38/night for single, $45/night for two, and suites from $65-$75. Rooms will be guaranteed by the hotel up to 6 PM on the day of arrival. To hold a room after 6 PM, a major credit card number or advanced deposit is required. You are strongly advised to make your room reservations before April 1.

Final program information may be received by sending an SASE to Bill Mattil, NC6T, 9310 McFadden, Westminster, CA 93460 on or before March 8.

Don't miss the DX event of the year. Nowhere else can you be assured the company of as many of the DX and contest crowd as at the California DX Convention.

Finally, we need a few volunteers to handle prizes, raffle tickets, arrangements and bartending. Interested persons should get in touch with Steve Orland, AA6AA, Frank Cuevas, W6AOA, or Don Bostrom, N6IC.

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Solar flux breaks 300

The solar flux peaked at 301 last Monday, February 1, after having skyrocketed from 154 to 275 in a five-day period that began January 24.

According to W1AW's Propagation Forecast Bulletin, sunspot counts were similar to those of eight weeks ago when the flux peaked at 305.

That's the good news, however. The bad news is that major solar flares brought increased geomagnetic activity and generally poor propagation to the HF bands.

The last half of February should follow the January pattern, with reduced MUF and frequent disturbances.

Contest calendar

February 20-21 ..... **ARRL DX CW**

February 26-28 .... **CQWW 160m Phone**

March 6-7 ..... **ARRL DX Phone**

March 27-28 ..... **CQWW WPX SSB**

N4XX propagation

February 6 ..... **High normal**
February 7 ..... **High normal**
February 8 ..... **High/above normal**
February 9 ..... **High normal**
February 10 ..... **High normal**
February 11 ..... **High/low normal**

W1AW DX bulletin schedule

SSB: 5:30 and 8:30 PM PST Thursdays; 1835, 3990, 7290, 14290, 21390, 28590.

CW: 4 and 7 PM PST Thursdays, 6 AM and 1 PM PST Fridays; 1835, 3580, 7080, 14080, 21080, 28080 at 18 WPM.

RTTY/ASCII: 5 and 8 PM PST Thursdays, 7 AM and 2 PM PST Fridays; 3625, 7095, 14095, 21095, 28095. RTTY 60 WPM/170 Hz, ASCII 110 baud/170 Hz.

Activity reports

4Z4AB	7005	1511	Jan 16	***Avi, via K3STM***
UM8NAC	7003	0138	Jan 17	***Anatol***
FY7BW	7009	0001	Jan 18	***Marcel, Box 743, Cayenne***
UM8NAP	7002	0200	Jan 18	***Val***
UA0BBN	7008	0214	Jan 18	***Mike***
A4XJO	7004	1435	Jan 18	***Phil, via WB3JRU***
SV1DO	7001	1536	Jan 18	***Yanni***
HH2VP	7003	0147	Jan 19	***Via N4XR***
UK9YAZ	7007	0149	Jan 19	***Sam, ALTAI***
UJ8AE	7003	0155	Jan 19	***Vovo***
UA9CKC	7007	0534	Jan 19	***Serge***
4Z4DX	7005	1447	Jan 20	***Dov***
4X6AG	7004	1517	Jan 20	***Arik***
UH8HCA	7001	0229	Jan 23	***Boris***
LU5ZI	7085	0414	Jan 23	***Ron, via LU2A***
JW5OD	7012	1409	Jan 24	***Rag, via LA6ZW***
OH1XX	3503	1441	Jan 24	
UA1PAM	7025	0707	Jan 25	***FJL, via UK3SAB***
FM0GA	7025	0717	Jan 25	***N6ZV***
3C0BC	14205	0749	Jan 26	
YJ8VU	7005	1438	Jan 27	***DK5EX***
UA0YAE	7001	1443	Jan 28	***Sany***
A4XJO	7002	1350	Jan 29	

From W6RT, Century City

And more DX news...

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CR9BH with **Marty, OH2BH,** at the helm: 21295 at 01z, 14195 at 17z and 14024 at 02z; QSLs to OH2BH, JA cards to JA1BK.

3V8AA is frequently found around 28604 at 1640z. QSL IS0LYN.

Look for **LU5ZI** 7084/7226 at 03z, and at 3695/3799 at 0330z. He's also been worked on 21298 at 0125z and 28593 at 02z. QSLs go to LU2A.

J28DM: Try 14015 at 1530z, or 14025 at 2235. Likewise, 14205 at 1530z. Cards to F2GA.

7Q7LW: 28525 around 1830z.

7P8CG is worked on 14035 at 0530z. QSLs to WA0NAI.

VK0AN Macquarie on 14220 at 0755z; VK9NS handles QSLs.

ZL4OY/A on Campbell Island 7085/7208 at 0825z; manager is ZL1BQD.

3A2TA on 7075 at 09z; QSL F8CL.

4S7WP can be found around 14015 at 0130z.

9N1BMK was active during the first week in January. QSL via JA8MWU.

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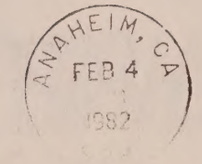

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